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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Friends:

On September 26th, the County Executive delivered his 2014 Recommended Budget to the County Board of Supervisors, totaling \$1.3 billion. The month of October has been extremely busy so far because the County Board is in the process of deliberating the 2014 Recommended Budget. Our research staff and analysts have been combing through every budget line item so Supervisors can best tackle this complex document. You can view the 2014 Recommended Budget [here](#).

Accordingly, I have scheduled two Town Hall Meetings in order to get your feedback on the critical services Milwaukee County provides. It is important for me to get your input as I will be casting votes on dozens of amendments and, ultimately, the final Budget on November 12th.

In 2014 Ninth District residents will begin to see capital improvement projects occurring in their neighborhoods – a real return on their investment to Milwaukee County. Although there is a long way to go for us to properly repair our failing infrastructure, the plan I have helped shape will result in roads like South North Cape Road, 68<sup>th</sup> Street and 76<sup>th</sup> Street getting reconstructed this year. The plan also includes long overdue reconstruction of 13<sup>th</sup> Street as well as St. Martins Road in near future.

Please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you have, especially if you will be unable to make one of my two Town Hall Meetings. As I have stated in the past, it is an honor to serve you and together with your help I am certain we can *Move Milwaukee County Forward*.

All My Best,

## SUPERVISOR TAYLOR CONCLUDES TOUR OF SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM DINING SITES

Shortly after starting his service as the 9<sup>th</sup> District representative on the Milwaukee County Board, Supervisor Taylor was appointed to serve on the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging - a governing and policy-making body with the Department on Aging. As part of that service, Supervisor Taylor committed to visiting each one of the Senior Meal Program dining sites that the Department on Aging administers in order to directly familiarize himself with their day to day operations.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Taylor concluded his tour of the senior meal dining sites with a visit to the United Community Center. There are multiple benefits to visiting these dining sites. Knowing they serve some of the most vulnerable members of our community, it is imperative to experience the dining sites first hand, ensure their proper operation and identify areas for improvement. Additionally, it is a great opportunity to talk to seniors and learn about the issues and challenges that are relevant and important to them.



Supervisor Taylor addressing the seniors at the United Community Center.

The Senior Meal Program has been working with seniors in community settings since 1973, serving hot, healthy meals and providing seniors opportunities to socialize and take part in activities like cards, bingo, and exercise classes. Meals are served Monday through Friday to senior citizens at 29 community dining sites. Any person age 60 or older, regardless of income, and a spouse of any age can participate.

Seldom do meal dining sites function solely as locations where meals are served. Many of them are located within community centers and agencies that offer a wide range of services to the elderly and others in need.



Project Focal Point Executive Director Jasmine Carter and Supervisor Taylor socializing with one of the seniors during his tour of the center.

One such center is **Project Focal Point**, located at 811 W. Burleigh Street. This multipurpose center serves as a central location for older adults in the community and offers, at a single location, a wide variety of services and activities that are needed by and of interest to this population.

Free tax preparation is provided during tax season, as well as energy assistance application preparation (January-May). Blood pressure readings, blood sugar testing and pulse testing is offered each month. Supervisor Taylor toured the center on September 9<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed some quality time with the seniors at the center.

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY 2014 BUDGET

On September 26th County Executive Abele introduced his 2014 Milwaukee County Recommended Budget to the Milwaukee County Board. The 2014 Recommended Budget calls for total expenditures of \$1,305,328,707, a decrease of \$50,779,044, or 3.7 percent, compared to the 2013 Adopted County Budget. The recommended property tax levy is \$279,321,196, the same as the 2013 levy.

The Milwaukee County Board Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee is currently in the process of analyzing and amending the Recommended Budget. The County Board will hold a public hearing on the Budget on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Milwaukee County War Memorial to collect input from Milwaukee County residents on what they perceive as priorities in the 2014 Budget. The Board will then convene on November 12<sup>th</sup> to adopt the Operating Budget. Any potential vetoes from the County Executive will be addressed at the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The most notable characteristic of this budget once again is the fact that it does not raise the property tax levy, which is good news for county taxpayers. Supervisor Taylor welcomes this measure as 9<sup>th</sup> District residents already pay more than their fair share for the County services they utilize. The less than expected budget shortfall (the difference between the County's revenue and expenditures) has made budgeting for 2014 somewhat easier; however, the Recommended Budget does include a number of questionable cuts and measures.

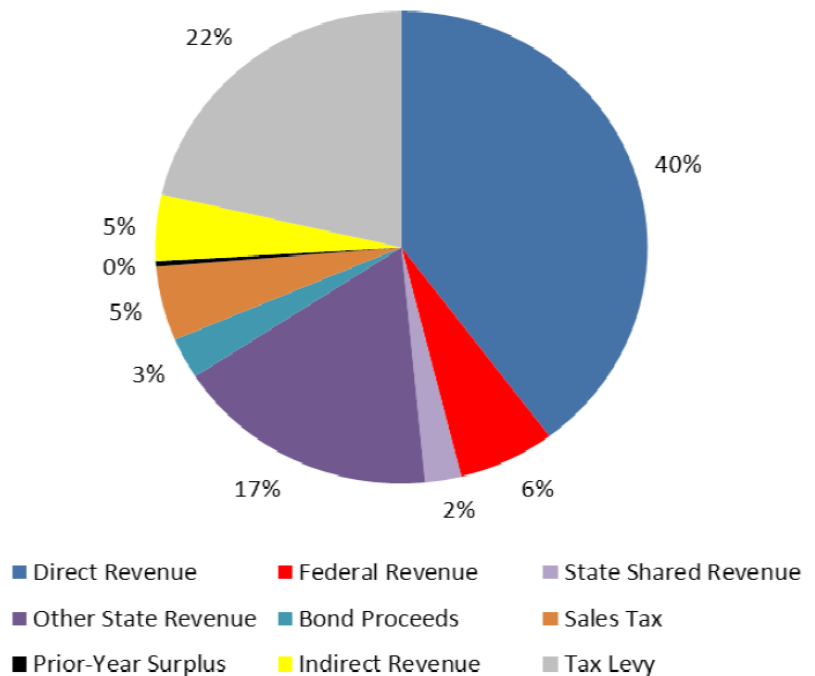
One such example is the reduction in funding for the Office of the Sherriff, which totals \$8.3 million in County Executive's Budget. This raises concerns as public safety should be one of the main priorities of government and the County Executive's budget undermines that.

Supervisor Taylor intends to work on ensuring the Sheriff has necessary resources to provide adequate public safety county residents expect. This is possible to do without raising the property tax levy as funds can be shifted from other items that are lower in priority.

Another questionable item is that the County Executive allocates \$400,000 for personal security detail in his budget. Governor Walker, who served as County Executive during arguably more volatile times for county government, never utilized personal security during his tenure.

Finally, it is very pleasing to see that the 2014 Capital Improvements Budget allocates funding for road reconstruction in the 9<sup>th</sup> District, including South North Cape Road, 68<sup>th</sup> Street and 76<sup>th</sup> Street, as well as replacement of the Ryan Road Culvert east of S. 112<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Milwaukee County Revenue by Source**







# YOU'RE INVITED

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 9TH DISTRICT  
SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR IS HOSTING

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

**Oak Creek City Hall • 5:30–6:30 p.m.**  
8640 S. Howell Avenue, Oak Creek, WI 53154

**Franklin City Hall • 7:00–8:00 p.m.**  
9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, WI 53132

Residents are invited to provide their valuable input and identify priorities in the Milwaukee County 2014 Recommended Budget.



## FAMILY HEALTH NIGHT AT WHEATON FRANCISCAN IN FRANKLIN

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor Taylor attended the Wheaton Franciscan Family Night at the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Facility in Franklin.

The participants enjoyed a fun-filled evening that included a display of fire trucks from area firehouses, a chili cook-off, Flight for Life landing demonstration and many more activities. The event also featured an educational component which involved many informative display booths, discussions with local physicians as well as a kid-friendly teddy bear clinic for the youngest visitors.



## KWIK TRIP GRAND OPENING IN FRANKLIN



Alderman Mark Dandrea, Supervisor Taylor, Kwik Trip Owners Don and LaVonne Zietlow, Alderman Ken Skowronski, and Mayor Tom Taylor at the grand opening ceremony.

Supervisor Taylor joined other City of Franklin elected officials at the grand opening of a Kwik Trip gas station, convenience store and car wash in Franklin on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The new store is located at 10750 West Speedway Drive.

It is always satisfying to welcome a new business into the community, especially one with a long standing tradition of quality service. Headquartered in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Kwik Trip has been in business since 1965 and has over 400 locations throughout the Midwest.

## LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors met for its regularly scheduled meeting on September 26, 2013. Some of the most notable legislation considered includes:

- Unanimous approval of jurisdictional transfer of roads from Milwaukee County to the City of Franklin. Supervisor Taylor spearheaded this effort since it will result in better annual maintenance of these roads, especially when it comes to snow plowing during the winter months.
- 14-4 (No: Alexander, Borkowski, Staskunas, Taylor) authorizing the expenditure of funds for the purpose of assisting and encouraging the enrollment of Milwaukee County residents in the federally-mandated health insurance Marketplace. Supervisor Taylor opposed the measure.
- 14-4 (No: Alexander, Mayo, Schmitt, Taylor) on a resolution directing the County Executive to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County for the operation and regulation of taxicab service. Supervisor Taylor voted against this measure.

## WEHR NATURE CENTER

### Hike for Health at Wehr

Wednesday, October 23, 2013  
10:30am – 11:30am

Join this morning hike that combines exercise, beauty, and camaraderie. Loop the lake, wander the woods, or scurry through the savannah! The terrain may be uneven or muddy. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes for the hike.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

### Family Free Day at the Zoo

**November 2, 2013**

Milwaukee County Zoo invites you to take advantage of free admission on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bring the family and enjoy many indoor and outdoor animal exhibits the Zoo has to offer.

Regular parking, rental and concession rates still apply.

**Still looking for more to do?!**  
Please click [here](#) for the entire  
**Milwaukee County Parks  
Event Calendar**

### **Milwaukee County Free Days!**

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents  
ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



**MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM**  
**FREE the first Thursday  
of every month**

Free for all visitors. Visit [www.mam.org](http://www.mam.org)  
for additional information.



**FREE on Mondays**

Visit [www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/](http://www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/)  
for additional information.



**FREE Days for 2013:**  
1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 11/2 & 12/7

**Special Holidays:**  
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day  
& New Year's Day

Visit [www.milwaukeezoo.org](http://www.milwaukeezoo.org)



**FREE on Mondays  
from 9:00 a.m. - Noon**

Excludes major holidays.  
Visit [www.milwaueedomes.org](http://www.milwaueedomes.org)  
for additional information.

## BOERNER CORNER

### Extend Your Vegetable Growing Season

Saturday November 2, 2013  
10am - Noon

Learn how to extend your fall growing season using hoop houses (mini greenhouses) and containers.

Individuals: \$10 member/ \$15 non-member

### Wine Making Basics

Thursday November 7, 2013  
6:30pm - 9:00pm

Jim Remus of the Purple Foot will share steps and tools needed to make your own batch of wine. Samples will be provided. Must be 21 years of age to attend.

Individuals: \$10 member/ \$15 non-member

### Family Workshop: Holiday Wreaths from the Garden (all ages welcome)

Saturday, November 9th, 2013  
10am - Noon

Create a wreath using greens, cones and berries from the garden. Learn what to plant in your own backyard in order to have the best choices for your holiday decorations in years to come.

Bring the winter garden into your home with a beautiful, all natural wreath that you'll enjoy throughout the holiday season. Bring pruners, 4 yards of your choice of ribbon for a festive bow if desired and any other holiday embellishments.

**Families:** \$20 members/ \$25 non-members  
(Limit 5 people per family)

**Individuals:** \$10 members/ \$12 non-members

For more information or to register call  
414-525-5659